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TRANSPORTATION OF CARGO
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether ships only upto third category can anchor on Indian ports and ships of larger size move towards Sri Lanka or Singapore ports for unloading of cargo;

(b) if so, whether great loss has to be borne for transportation of cargo from these ports to Indian ports; and

(c) if so, the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)
(a) to (b): Ships only upto third generation can anchor on major ports except at Chennai, Jawaharlal Nehru, Visakhapatnam and Ennore ports. Chennai, Visakapatnam and Ennore ports can accommodate up to Panamax ships. Jawaharlal Nehru Port can accommodate upto post Panamax ships. About two-thirds of the containers originating from or destined for India are transshipped at neighbouring foreign ports, such as Dubai, Colombo, Singapore etc. This situation leads to increased transportation cost.
(c) : To facilitate direct sailing of containers carrying Indian export cargo to the destinations or to receive import containers destined for India directly at Indian port without transshipment at any foreign port, efforts have been made by the Ministry to facilitate development of one hub port each on the west coast and the east coast of the country.